



Sustainable Arlington

An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington

Agenda

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Please register in advance to get the zoom link:

<https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpcO6ppj8uEtHQBj3KkcgLkUiBkl8FZdK9>

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read [Preamble to Remote Meetings](#)
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public.

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1. Introductions
2. Native American Land Acknowledgement
3. Updates:
 - a. Planning Department

- b. Massachusetts Climate Action Network
- 4. [Carbon Countdown 2023, Reaching Our 2030 Climate Goals](#), May 16: Climate Chief Melissa Hoffer; May 20, State Senator Michael Barrett and 4 breakout sessions, [Eventbrite registration \(free\)](#)
- 5. Discussion and vote on support for Arlington Town Meeting Warrant Article 12, Artificial turf moratorium and study committee
- 6. [No Mow May](#): why native pollinators need us and what to do
- 7. [Sustainable Landscape Handbook](#) Arlington/Winchester/Stoneham project update
- 8. Announcements:
 - a. Warrant Article 10, Specialized Stretch Energy Code passed Town Meeting, 204 - 11
 - b. Sustainable Arlington approved to provide community service hours to Arlington High School students.
 - c. Rodenticide Bills Hearing, May 10, hybrid event: State House and virtual, including:
 - i. **Local Control Bill H. 814**: An Act empowering towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides. [Link will be posted here.](#)
 - d. Arlington EcoFest 2023: Earth Day, April 22 - mid-May [events listing](#) including:
 - i. [FixIt Clinic, Robbins Library, May 6](#)
 - ii. [Electrify Your Home, Plan Ahead, May 9](#)
 - iii. [Electrify Arlington Fair, May 11](#)
- 9. Adjourn

Next meeting: TBD

The agenda will be posted on [our website](#) and on the [Town calendar](#).

Sustainable Arlington:
[SustainableArlington.org](#) and [Facebook](#)

Artificial turf resources:

- [Artificial Turf Fact Sheet, Toxics Use Reduction Institute](#), UMass Lowell,
- [TenCate Grass launches synthetic turf recycling program](#), 9.20.2022. Article describes new, energy-intensive process with shredding in southern California then shipping to Texas for processing. "In North America alone, the total value of installed synthetic turf systems was estimated at \$2.7 billion in 2020, according to the Synthetic Turf Council. This translates into roughly 265 million square feet of installed turf."
- **PFAS: The Forever Chemicals**, 4.11.2023., Town of Brookline webinar. <https://www.brooklinema.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=12831&month=4&year=2023&day=11&calType=0>